Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

April 2017

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering April 9th to 15th, 2017, there were 560,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 1,100 from March 2017 and the same as the number employed in April 2016.

Agricultural employment was 36,700 persons in April 2017, up 900 from the March 2017 level but 3,100 less than the April 2016 agricultural employment level of 39,800. Non-agricultural employment was 523,400 persons in April 2017. This is a decrease of 2,000 from the March 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 525,400 but 3,100 more than April 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2017 was 7.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the March 2017 rate of 6.7 percent but the same as the April 2016 rate.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 900 to 602,500 persons in April 2017 from 601,600 persons in March 2017. This is the same as the April 2016 labour force of 602,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate remained unchanged between April 2017 and March 2017 at 68.8 percent. The April 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.5 percent.

There were 42,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2017. This is an increase of 1,900 from March 2017 but is the same as the number unemployed in April 2016.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 568,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2017, down 2,200 from the March 2017 level of 570,400 but is up 1,300 from the April 2016 employment level of 566,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2017 was 6.2 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the March 2017 rate of 6.0 percent but 0.1 percentage points lower than the April 2016 rate of 6.3 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 78,700 persons in April 2017 to 18,097,000 persons from 18,018,300 persons in March 2017. In April 2016, there were 17,824,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.4 percentage points in April 2017 to 6.8 percent from the March 2017 level of 7.2 percent. In April 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.5 percent in April 2017. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than March 2017 and 0.6 percentage points lower than the April 2016 level of 7.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	April 2017	March 2017	April 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,416.7	19,412.4	19,269.0	4.3	147.7
Employed ('000)	18,097.0	18,018.3	17,824.2	78.7	272.8
Full-Time ('000)	14,488.7	14,397.5	14,298.5	91.2	190.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,608.3	3,620.7	3,525.7	-12.4	82.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,319.7	1,394.1	1,444.8	-74.4	-125.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	7.2	7.5	-0.4	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.5	6.7	7.1	-0.2	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	65.2	65.3	-0.1	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	602.5	601.6	602.5	0.9	0.0
Employed ('000)	560.1	561.2	560.1	-1.1	0.0
Full-Time ('000)	453.0	456.1	458.6	-3.1	-5.6
Part-Time ('000)	107.1	105.0	101.5	2.1	5.6
Unemployed ('000)	42.4	40.5	42.4	1.9	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	6.7	7.0	0.3	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.0	6.3	0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.8	69.5	0.0	-0.7
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Labour Force ('000)	2,471.1	2,483.1	2,439.0	-12.0	32.1
Employed ('000)	2,261.1	2,263.7	2,242.3	-2.6	18.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,825.5	1,827.1	1,824.1	-1.6	1.4
Part-Time ('000)	435.6	436.6	418.2	-1.0	17.4
Unemployed ('000)	209.9	219.4	196.6	-9.5	13.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.8	8.1	-0.3	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.9	8.4	7.4	-0.5	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	72.2	72.7	71.9	-0.5	0.3
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Labour Force ('000)	672.4	672.1	669.9	0.3	2.5
Employed ('000)	635.9	634.9	627.8	1.0	8.1
Full-Time ('000)	511.0	509.7	508.2	1.3	2.8
Part-Time ('000)	124.9	125.2	119.7	-0.3	5.2
Unemployed ('000)	36.4	37.2	42.1	-0.8	-5.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.5	6.3	-0.1	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.5	6.2	-0.1	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	66.6	67.2	-0.1	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2017	March 2017	April 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	602.5	601.6	602.5	0.9	0.0
Male	327.3	325.9	330.1	1.4	-2.8
Female	275.2	275.7	272.4	-0.5	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	83.9	82.1	86.4	1.8	-2.5
25+ Years of age	518.6	519.5	516.1	-0.9	2.5
EMPLOYED ('000)	560.1	561.2	560.1	-1.1	0.0
Male	300.1	299.0	303.0	1.1	-2.9
Female	259.9	262.2	257.1	-2.3	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	73.5	71.8	74.0	1.7	-0.5
25+ Years of age	486.6	489.4	486.0	-2.8	0.6
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	42.4	40.5	42.4	1.9	0.0
Male	27.2	26.9	27.1	0.3	0.1
Female	15.2	13.6	15.4	1.6	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	10.4	10.3	12.3	0.1	-1.9
25+ Years of age	32.0	30.1	30.1	1.9	1.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	7.0	6.7	7.0	0.3	0.0
Male	8.3	8.3	8.2	0.0	0.1
Female	5.5	4.9	5.7	0.6	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	12.4	12.5	14.2	-0.1	-1.8
25+ Years of age	6.2	5.8	5.8	0.4	0.4
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.8	68.8	69.5	0.0	-0.7
Male	74.2	74.0	75.5	0.2	-1.3
Female	63.4	63.6	63.4	-0.2	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	62.7	61.3	64.0	1.4	-1.3
25+ Years of age	70.0	70.2	70.5	-0.2	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	April 2017	March 2017	April 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	36.7	35.8	39.8	0.9	-3.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.2	23.6	24.2	-1.4	-2.0
Utilities	6.7	6.9	7.2	-0.2	-0.5
Construction	45.8	45.3	50.0	0.5	-4.2
Manufacturing	27.9	28.2	24.8	-0.3	3.1
Trade	92.3	92.0	86.4	0.3	5.9
Transportation and Warehousing	26.4	28.0	27.0	-1.6	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.2	27.0	30.0	0.2	-2.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	32.5	32.6	27.5	-0.1	5.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.8	12.4	13.1	0.4	-0.3
Educational Services	43.1	43.5	43.5	-0.4	-0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	76.9	76.6	78.8	0.3	-1.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.7	20.2	17.8	0.5	2.9
Accommodation and Food Services	35.6	36.2	36.5	-0.6	-0.9
Other Services	24.4	24.2	25.5	0.2	-1.1
Public Administration	29.0	28.9	28.0	0.1	1.0
Total	560.1	561.2	560.1	-1.1	0.0
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	453.0	456.1	458.6	-3.1	-5.6
Part-Time	107.1	105.0	101.5	2.1	5.6
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	457.3	458.5	454.1	-1.2	3.2
Public Sector	138.6	138.3	140.6	0.3	-2.0
Private Sector	318.6	320.2	313.4	-1.6	5.2
Self-Employed	102.8	102.7	106.0	0.1	-3.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2017	March 2017	April 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,097.0	18,018.3	17,824.2	78.7	272.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	219.2	214.3	228.7	4.9	-9.5
Prince Edward Island	69.5	68.5	67.0	1.0	2.5
Nova Scotia	441.3	435.8	439.7	5.5	1.6
New Brunswick	340.3	341.0	339.1	-0.7	1.2
Quebec	4,122.1	4,113.9	4,040.0	8.2	82.1
Ontario	7,004.9	6,961.7	6,921.5	43.2	83.4
Manitoba	635.9	634.9	627.8	1.0	8.1
Saskatchewan	560.1	561.2	560.1	-1.1	0.0
Alberta	2,261.1	2,263.7	2,242.3	-2.6	18.8
British Columbia	2,442.6	2,423.2	2,357.9	19.4	84.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.8	7.2	7.5	-0.4	-0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	16.3	17.5	14.7	-1.2	1.6
Prince Edward Island	13.2	12.4	15.0	0.8	-1.8
Nova Scotia	9.1	9.9	9.1	-0.8	0.0
New Brunswick	10.2	9.6	11.4	0.6	-1.2
Quebec	7.2	7.0	8.1	0.2	-0.9
Ontario	5.9	6.8	7.1	-0.9	-1.2
Manitoba	5.4	5.5	6.3	-0.1	-0.9
Saskatchewan	7.0	6.7	7.0	0.3	0.0
Alberta	8.5	8.8	8.1	-0.3	0.4
British Columbia	5.2	5.5	5.6	-0.3	-0.4

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	April 2017	March 2017	April 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,311.2	18,308.0	18,035.5	3.2	275.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.4	225.5	237.2	1.9	-9.8
Prince Edward Island	73.5	72.7	71.0	0.8	2.5
Nova Scotia	450.0	450.5	449.1	-0.5	0.9
New Brunswick	351.6	353.6	349.7	-2.0	1.9
Quebec	4,190.1	4,193.9	4,102.1	-3.8	88.0
Ontario	7,067.0	7,068.6	6,980.4	-1.6	86.6
Manitoba	640.0	640.5	633.1	-0.5	6.9
Saskatchewan	568.2	570.4	566.9	-2.2	1.3
Alberta	2,289.0	2,289.3	2,271.6	-0.3	17.4
British Columbia	2,454.3	2,443.0	2,374.4	11.3	79.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.5	6.7	7.1	-0.2	-0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.0	14.9	12.5	-0.9	1.5
Prince Edward Island	10.3	10.1	11.5	0.2	-1.2
Nova Scotia	8.3	8.6	8.2	-0.3	0.1
New Brunswick	8.7	8.4	9.6	0.3	-0.9
Quebec	6.6	6.4	7.4	0.2	-0.8
Ontario	5.8	6.4	6.9	-0.6	-1.1
Manitoba	5.4	5.5	6.2	-0.1	-0.8
Saskatchewan	6.2	6.0	6.3	0.2	-0.1
Alberta	7.9	8.4	7.4	-0.5	0.5
British Columbia	5.5	5.4	5.8	0.1	-0.3

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2017	March 2017	April 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.4	9.1	7.7	-0.7	0.7
Halifax	7.4	7.2	7.7	0.2	-0.3
Saint John	6.6	6.8	9.1	-0.2	-2.5
Quebec	4.7	4.7	5.6	0.0	-0.9
Montreal	7.2	7.1	8.8	0.1	-1.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.3	5.2	6.9	0.1	-1.6
Toronto	6.7	7.0	7.1	-0.3	-0.4
Greater Sudbury	7.3	7.8	9.1	-0.5	-1.8
Winnipeg	6.1	6.5	6.3	-0.4	-0.2
Regina	4.9	5.3	5.5	-0.4	-0.6
Saskatoon	8.1	8.1	7.0	0.0	1.1
Calgary	9.2	9.1	8.9	0.1	0.3
Edmonton	8.5	8.7	7.2	-0.2	1.3
Vancouver	4.9	5.0	6.4	-0.1	-1.5
Victoria	3.6	3.7	6.3	-0.1	-2.7
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	184.1	184.0	181.6	0.1	2.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.6	52.3	52.2	-0.7	-0.6
Saskatoon-Biggar	190.6	191.2	191.4	-0.6	-0.8
Yorkton-Melville	38.4	37.7	34.6	0.7	3.8
Prince Albert & Northern	96.9	95.9	99.4	1.0	-2.5

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2017	March 2017	April 2016	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	601.5	601.3	599.4	0.2	2.1
Employed ('000)	560.3	560.1	558.2	0.2	2.1
Unemployed ('000)	41.3	41.2	41.1	0.1	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	6.8	6.9	0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.8	69.2	0.0	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	64.1	64.1	64.4	0.0	-0.3
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	544.9	543.9	547.7	1.0	-2.8
Employed ('000)	513.0	512.3	514.9	0.7	-1.9
Unemployed ('000)	31.9	31.6	32.8	0.3	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.8	6.0	0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.0	69.6	0.0	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	65.0	65.4	0.0	-0.4
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	56.7	57.4	51.7	-0.7	5.0
Employed ('000)	47.3	47.8	43.3	-0.5	4.0
Unemployed ('000)	9.4	9.6	8.4	-0.2	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.5	16.7	16.2	-0.2	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	67.4	64.9	-0.9	1.6
Employment Rate (%)	55.5	56.1	54.4	-0.6	1.1
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Labour Force ('000)	23.6	24.6	20.1	-1.0	3.5
Employed ('000)	18.8	19.4	15.0	-0.6	3.8
Unemployed ('000)	4.9	5.2	5.0	-0.3	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.7	21.1	25.1	-0.4	-4.4
Participation Rate (%)	62.0	64.5	58.7	-2.5	3.3
Employment Rate (%)	49.2	50.9	44.0	-1.7	5.2
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Labour Force ('000)	32.9	32.6	31.2	0.3	1.7
Employed ('000)	28.5	28.3	27.8	0.2	0.7
Unemployed ('000)	4.4	4.3	3.3	0.1	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.2	13.3	10.7	-0.1	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	69.6	70.6	0.6	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	60.9	60.4	63.1	0.5	-2.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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